

Congress Park Neighbors, Inc
February Board Meeting Minutes, February 21st, 2007 at
National Jewish

Directors Present: Wendy Moraskie, Dan Keller, Brent Hladky, Joe Ely, Maggie Price, Tom Conis, Jonah Bradley

Directors Absent: Sue Carrizales

Guests: Mel Patrick (Membership Chair), Michael Koch (Health Sciences Representative)

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of prior meetings (December Board, January Annual & Members' Meeting, and January Special Board Meeting) were not presented. To be presented at next Board Meeting.

Crime Report/Inc: Joe reported that crime in Congress Park was down 22% in 2007, and mentioned this was worthy of an email blast, which was agreed by all. Our district commander narrowly missed being promoted, which is good for us, but we expect her to be promoted soon. Neighborhood Watch has added 16 blocks in Congress Park.

Membership Report: Mel reported 186 memberships of which 3 were business. A brief discussion took place around what dues should be. It was decided that Mel would strike a small committee (2 or 3 additional persons) to provide the Board with their recommendations for discussion within a month or two.

Newsletter: Wendy reported that she is putting the finishing touches on this quarter's newsletter. She needs the annual crime map to finish it, and failing this, Joe can provide a crime article. Articles from Robb and Linkhart were mentioned and it was agreed that we would ensure that they would not include campaigning as CPN wishes to remain neutral. The inclusion of a regular article on the 12th Avenue Business District was discussed, and it was agreed that this would be a good way to promote the district and its businesses.

Jonah Bradley agreed to lead this effort.

Zoning:

- "Forum on Residential Dev't in Denver's Established Neighborhoods" – will send neighborhood blast.
- "Meeting re Proposed Parkway Policy" – will send neighborhood blast.

- R3 -> R2 applications have Madison Street coming up shortly – CPN to send letter of support and Brent to check with John Van Sciver whether blast is requested/desired.

- Health Sciences Redevelopment: Michael Koch detailed latest word on the project. There was a new Shea plan (but not handouts) as a result of criticism over demolition quad buildings removal. New plan keeps them. Historic Denver like the new plan, which also has some new proposed through streets remaining closed, and the addition of a proposed street between 8th and 9th Avenue (i.e. 8 ½ Ave.). Talk of a proposed movie theatre. Maximum would be 1,200 residences, 3,600 parking spaces, 275,000 square feet of retail space, 60,000 square feet of retail space, and a 250 room hotel. Michael mentioned that he will likely be joining the Denver Board of Adjustment.

Board Conflict of Interest: Brent outlined the thought that the recent Bylaw change which required “economic interests” from current and prospective Board Members was a messy way to get at what was needed – the disclosure of Conflict of Interest. It was agreed that Brent would draft the proposed Bylaw change and a Conflict of Interest agreement for the next meeting.

Website: Maggie will form a small committee (2 or 3 additional persons) to provide the new website layout recommendations for discussion within a month or two. Website construction and maintenance likely to be contracted, however, control to remain clearly with CPN.

Bylaws: Given the length of the meeting it was decided to hold a special meeting on Bylaws November 24th 2006 at 1:00pm. Kathleen Hynes offered her home as a meeting place. It was agreed that the meeting would not be a comprehensive Bylaws review, but rather focus upon resolving those issues raised at our last Annual Meeting.

Potential New Board Members: Brent outlined that all three interested candidates had failed to meet with existing Board Members, and the circumstances surrounding each. It was agreed that we should try to fill vacancies as soon as possible with suitable replacements.

Financial Report: Brent outlined our 2006 results and year end cash position.

Denver Botanic Gardens: INC is looking for a third Congress Park representative. We will attempt to fill as soon as possible.